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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES STATE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that North Carolina residents attending a college, university, technical institute or community college can now apply for paid state government internships for 2007. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 20 for 24 spring internships and through Jan. 24, 2007 for 100 summer internships. Last year, summer internships were offered to 80 students. This year, a total of 124 students will be granted State Government Internships.

"The State Government Internship program offers students real-world experience in a wide range of state government workplaces," Easley said. "I am pleased that it has expanded to give more students an opportunity to work in their chosen field and to consider rewarding careers in public service."

Paid spring and summer internships are available in locations across the state. They provide North Carolina students with a compensated professional work experience that integrates education, career development and public service. Opportunities exist in numerous recognized fields of study, from architecture to zoology.

Interns earn a stipend of \$8.25 per hour and work 15 hours per week in the spring or 40 hours per week in the summer. They also participate in seminars, tours or other activities designed to broaden their perspective of public service and state government.

To be eligible for the program, a student must be a North Carolina resident with an overall grade-point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, and must have completed at least one year of study. To qualify for a position designated for law interns, a student must have completed at least one year of law school.

Interns are selected through a competitive process overseen by the N.C. Internship Council. Selection is based on a review of applications by the Council, student interviews with prospective supervisors, academic records, participation in extracurricular activities and interest in state government.

Details about the program and a listing of spring and summer 2007 internships are available by calling the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the N.C. Department of Administration at 919-733-9296, or by visiting its website at http://www.ncyaio.com. Information also is available in campus career services or cooperative education offices.

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